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Secretary of Finance for the State of Rio de Janeiro, Joaquim Vieira Ferreira Levy (middle right). Eric Bonnor, Brookfield Asset Management (right side of the Secretary) Cíntia Zanellato - Vaaldiam Resources Ltd. (Left side of the Secretary), during the round table in Toronto.

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The Secretary of Finance for the State of Rio de Janeiro, Joaquim Vieira Ferreira Levy, was in Toronto last Thursday, June 11 participating in a round table to talk about the business opportunities for Canadian companies interested in investing in Brazil.

The meeting was organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade - DFAIT - Ontario Region in conjunction with the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce– Toronto.

The visit of this Secretary of Finance is an example that demonstrates the clear interest that the two countries have to improve the communication and integration with the aim to enhance trade relations between these two economies.

"We are always meeting with business people who invest in the State of Rio de Janeiro. Federal and Provincial governments are working to meet the requirements of infrastructure and logistics necessary for business to flow", said Levy.

The Secretary recalled the past decade in Brazil which saw significant improvements and despite areas for improvement, the country offers great opportunities for investment.

"We have been in Rio de Janeiro for over 100 years and we will continue to invest," said Eric Bonnor, Senior Vice-President, Private Equity, Brookfield Asset Management.

According to Levy, among the main areas that may be of interest to Canadian business in the State of Rio de Janeiro are oil, gas, technology and Real Estate. "Brazil represents a real opportunity for Canada in several sectors", affirmed.

"Brazil represents a strong opportunity for Canada and we have to make this opportunity known to more and more Canadian business," said Brent Court, Deputy Director - DFAIT - Ontario Region.